



Congressman Ted Poe
2nd District of Texas

2011 Hurricane Preparedness Update

Dear Neighbors,

Preparation is essential to staying safe this hurricane season. We learned many lessons during hurricanes Rita, Katrina, and Ike. The most important lesson was to be prepared in case of an emergency.

In order to assist you with preparedness, I am providing a hurricane checklist as well as important emergency contact information. It is my hope that you and your family stay out of harm's way this season.

God and Texas,

TED POE
Member of Congress
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What to do AFTER the hurricane...

BE CAREFUL. The conditions that exist after a storm can be just as dangerous as the storm itself. Take care when re-entering your home. Ventilate your home by opening doors and windows. Be aware of downed electrical and other utility lines. Consult an electrician before restoring power to your home if it has flooded.

DOCUMENT DAMAGE. This is necessary for insurance purposes. Also, save all receipts for repairs you may have to make before and adjuster can visit

MAKE REPAIRS. This will prevent further damage to your home and make it habitable again. Don't make extensive repairs until you have fully assessed the damage and contacted insurance companies, etc.

CONTACT YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.
File any claim as soon as you have assessed all damage.

If You Evacuate

The following items are important:

- Pillows, blankets, sleeping bags
- Air mattresses (shelters will not provide these)
- Food, water, and ice
- Folding chairs or cots
- Prescription medication in original containers
- Personal hygiene items: toothbrush, washcloth, deodorant
- Book, toys, and/ or handheld games
- Extra clothing and shoes

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Flashlight and batteries: 1 per person
- Liquid soap and hand sanitizer
- Tooth-brushing pads
- Water Purification kit
- 2-week supply of prescription drugs
- Fire extinguisher
- Extra eyeglasses and sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen

INFANT NECESSITIES:

- Infant Medicine
- Baby Formula
- Diapers
- Bottles

FIRST-AID KIT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- Bandages
- Antiseptic
- Tape
- Compresses
- Pain relievers
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacids
- Medications for common illnesses

FOOD AND DRINK

- Drinking Water: 1 gal per person
- Non-potable water (hygienic use only)
- Propane gas or barbeque grill
- 2 coolers for food and ice
- Manual Can Opener

TWO WEEKS' SUPPLY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Nonperishable foods
- Plastic tableware and cups
- Plastic wrap and trash bags
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Wet wipes
- Fuel for folding stoves



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STATE & LOCAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Harris County Emergency Management

713-755-5000

Jefferson County Emergency Management

409-835-8757

Liberty County Emergency Management

936-334-3219

Texas Emergency Assistance Hotline

1-888-312-4567

Texas Department of Public Safety

1-800-525-5555

American Red Cross

1-866-438-4636

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Texas Depart. of Insurance

1-800-252-3439

Food Stamp Assistance

1-800-500-4266

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213

Medicare Issues

1-800-678-6404

Crisis Counseling

866-773-4243

Federal Emergency Management Agency

1-800-621-3362

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FEMA Housing Assistance

800-762-8740

Medicaid Issues

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